

## REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)

VN169RI

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,566,169, granted October 15, 1996, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled Data Communication Network with Transfer

Port, Cascade Port and/or Frame Synchronizing Signal

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on October 15, 1998 as reissue application number 09 / 173,582  
and was amended on 5/17/2000.  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☐ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

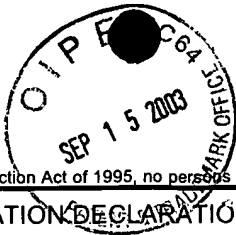
by reason of claiming only the subject matter of claims 1-15, which is less than the full right to claim in the original application. Accordingly, new claims 16-141 were added. For example, comparing claim 16 to original claim 14, claim 14 was limited to a "receive memory device," a "transmit memory device," a "plurality of receive datapaths," and a "plurality of transmit datapaths." As the originally-filed specification makes clear, this was less than Applicant was entitled to claim, and therefore new claim 16, which parallels original claim 14, recites a "receive memory," a "transmit memory," "one or more receive datapaths," and "one or more transmit data paths." In addition, Applicant, in combination with independent claim 16, was entitled to claim the subject matter of dependent claims 17-57, but did not do so in the original application. Similar errors of claiming less than Applicant was entitled to claim can be seen from the subject matter of new claims 58-141, which include subject matter that Applicant was entitled to claim but did not in the original application.

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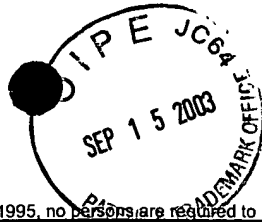
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